

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 15, 17, and 19, cancelled claims 16 and 18, and added claims 20-25. Claims 15, 17, and 19-25 are now pending.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the references cited by the Examiner disclose or teach each of the features of claim 15 as amended. In particular, the references cited by the Examiner are silent as to a substrate support having an outer surface coated with the silicon containing coating. Claim 15 has been amended to include the feature that the silicon containing coating prevents transfer of metal contaminants from the inner surface of the chamber to a wafer during a processing operation. Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that the features of the top electrode disposed over and isolated from the processing chamber and the top of the processing chamber being a window allowing energy from the top electrode to pass therethrough are not taught or disclosed by the cited references. Applicants further submit that the composition of the silicon containing coating as specified in claims 22-25 is not taught or disclosed in any of the cited references.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 774-6921. If any additional fees are due in

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connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P410). A copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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